* Greece made of individual city-states
* Share a language
* Minoans were part of Greece
* Located on island of Crete
* Surrounded by islands and Greek peninsula
* Spread culture
* Sea impacts developments
* Make transport easy
* Allows independent city states to be linked
* Economically traders first
* Doesn’t have a lot of farmable land, have to trade to get food/supplies for pop.
* Sea connects them, mountains isolate them
* Develop independently
* Identify with city before “country”
* Climate: warm, mild in winter, mild in summer, doesn’t drastically change, no rainy season
* True for Italy, Spain, north Africa
* Can be outside most of the year, spend a lot of time outdoors
* Interact with other islands a lot
* Mycenaean (2000 BCE): Mild, island and part of peninsula, surrounded by water and mountains
* City on hilltop, 20 ft thick walls, warrior king, in control of trade in area
* Contemporary—Minoans are happening at the same time as the Mycenaeans
* At first friendly, traded culture, Minoans disappeared, Mycenaeans took culture with them
* Mycenaeans find Troy, results in 10 year war- the Trojan war
* TROJAN HORSE
* Minoans payed huge economic price, fell to the Dorians
* Dorinas don’t write, viewed as technologically inferior, had extreme oral tradition
* Homer was one of the freaking amazing storytellers
* Epics embody culture/tradition of Greece; heroic, excellence
* Myths—stories to explain natural happenings, explain human emotions
* Use gods to tell the story
* Zeus, Posidon, Hades, Hera, Athena…